

# FIRST SPOUSE SERIES

ONE-HALF OUNCE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED COINS

#### HIGHLY COLLECTABLE SERIES

American First Ladies are now honored with First Spouse Gold Coins, which are one-half ounce, 24 karat pure gold coins minted in collector proof and uncirculated versions. This series of gold coins introduced in 2007 and set to last until 2016 compliment and are released on the same schedule as the US Mint Presidential \$1 program which honors past Presidents at a rate of four gold coins each year.



The program is the first to feature women in a consecutive series of legal tender coins. The series of gold coins is authorized through the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, which was signed into law (Public Law 109-145) on Dec. 22, 2005 by President George Bush. It calls for the following coin specifications:

- · A \$10 denomination
- The same diameter as the \$1 coins
- Issued as counterparts and during the same period as the circulating Presidential \$1 coins

There are two cases where a President has had more than one wife during service and two coins are issued, like John Tyler.

Tyler's first wife Letitia died during his second year in office.

Tyler later married Julia while still President. Under the program, both Letitia and Julia First Spouse Coins were produced.







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# DOLLEY MADISON 2007



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Dolley Madison First Spouse Gold Coins were issued by the United States Mint on November 19, 2007, and were fourth in the series of coins to honor American First Ladies.

The \$10 denominated coins were struck in one-half ounce 24- karat gold and minted in proof and uncirculated versions for the \$529.95 and \$509.95, respectively. When they were issued, the price of gold had increased significantly. Consequently, each Dolley Madison coin was priced \$100 higher compared to the previous three in the series.

Dolley Madison was the first in her position to rally the public for a cause, raising funds for the Lewis and Clark expedition of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory. Dolley is most famous for saving many important cabinet papers and the well-known Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington when the British burned the White House during the War of 1812.

Designed and sculpted by Don Everhart, Dolley's portrait is on the obverse of the First Spouse Gold coin. The reverse shows Dolley in the act of saving the cabinet papers and the portrait of George Washington. It was designed by Joel Iskowitz and sculpted by Don Everhart.

### **QUICK FACTS**

- 1. Completes the 2007 First Spouse Series
- 2. Complete sets are worth up to 10% more than individual coins alone.
- 3. 24-Karat Gold \$10 Denomination